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(e) The Government have not taken any action on the subject but they are prepared to consider any proposals which the taluk board or the district board may make.

Income from tolls both prior to and after the passing of the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act.

* 658 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the income was from tolls throughout the Presidency for the five years preceding the coming into effect of the Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) what the annual income is on motor vehicles for each year after the Act was put into force; and

(c) what the original amount anticipated by the Government under this head was at the time of passing the Motor Vehicles Act?

A.—(a) A statement [a] is laid on the table.

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(b)	1931–32	29,96,349
	1932–33	40,68,461
	1933–34	24,02,486
	(April 1933—November 1933).*	

(c) Rupees 66 lakhs.

* Final figures for December 1933 are not available.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is not the little fall in the receipts under this head due to the general depression?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I do not think the fall is small. It is serious. In 1932–33 the receipts were only 40 per cent; last year it was over 50 per cent."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"The figures given here show that generally, you have been able to realize 40 lakhs out of 60 lakhs. Is not the fall of 20 lakhs due to the present economic depression prevailing throughout India and all over the world?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"No, Sir."

Hardship due to the operation of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act in Coorg.

* 659 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the hardship and inconvenience caused to motorists in South Kanara and Coorg as the result of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Acts now in operation in both the places; and

(b) whether the Governments of Madras and of Coorg have under consideration any proposal to modify the Acts in the interests of the travelling public?

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 113 infra.